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Sidney Ross was called to the Bar in 1983 at the age of 51, after a career of 24 years lecturing in Chemistry in the University of London. His practice is entirely in the field of trusts and estates, with particular emphasis on claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

He is a frequent contributor of articles on family provision and will construction to legal journals. The 5th edition of Ross on Inheritance Act Claims was published in November 2023 and has received positive reviews in *Trust Quarterly Review* and *Private Client Business*. It is published by Sweet & Maxwell in the Trusts, Wills and Probate Library series. The hardback (ISBN: 9780414115279) can be ordered direct from Sweet & Maxwell by clicking this link: rluki.orders@thomsonreuters.com.

EXPERTISE

PRIVATE CLIENT (NON-CONTENTIOUS)

The work undertaken in this practice area (which includes Pro Bono work) comprises drafting and advising on the construction of trusts, wills (including statutory wills) and associated documents, and advising in relation to non-contentious trust, probate and estate administration matters and capital tax issues.

REPORTED CASES:

- **Kloosman v Aylen** [2013] W.T.L.R 673: The rule against double portions.
- **Joshi v Mahida** [2013] W.T.L.R 859: Rectification of a will.

CONTENTIOUS TRUSTS & ESTATES

The principal activity in this practice area is concerned with claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, and work is also undertaken in relation to contentious administration matters, disputes as to the validity of wills, proprietary estoppel claims and inheritance disputes generally.



REPORTED CASES

- **Singer v Isaac** [2001] W.T.L.R. 1045: 1975 Act claim by surviving spouse.
- **Gold v Hill** [1999] 1 F.L.R. 42: Secret trusts.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- British Academy of Forensic Science (Fellow)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
- Chancery Bar Association
- Institute of Family Law Arbitrators
- Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD, University of York (2020)
- BA, Open University (2010)
- LLB, University of London (1982)
- MSc University of London (1966)
- PhD, University of London (1958)
- BSc, University of London (1955)

PUBLICATIONS

- Disappointed beneficiaries: alternatives affecting 1975 Act claims, *Private Client Business*, 2022 (4), 130-137.
- The freedom to disinherit: forced heirship rules and 1975 Act claims by adult children; *Trust Quarterly Review*, 19(4) 2021.
- Applications for extensions of time under s.4 of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, *Trust Quarterly Review* 18(3), (2020).
- The superannuated concept-Domicile as a barrier to family provision claims: *Trust Quarterly Review* 11(3) (2013) 27-46.
- *Ilott v Mitson*-incremental development or revolutionary departure?: *Trust Quarterly Review* 9(4) (2011) 12-19.
- Inheritance Act Claims by Dependents: *Family Law* 40, (2010) 490-499.
- 1975 Act claims by surviving spouses-the impact of Miller and Charman: *Trust Quarterly Review* 5(4) (2007) 35-46.
- Forfeiture clauses in wills: *Trust Quarterly Review* 1(1) (2003), 7-17.
- Personal representatives and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975; TACT review (*Quarterly Review of the Association of Corporate Trustees*) (2002), issue 20, p.8.
- The implications of *White v White* for Inheritance Act claims, Part I [2001] *Family Law* 547; Part II, [2001] *Family Law* 619.
- 17 other articles in *Family Law Journal*, *Family Law Week*, *Resolution*, *Elderly Client Adviser* and *Trusts and Estates Law Journal*.



REGULATORY INFORMATION

Sidney Ross is a self-employed, independent barrister whose practice is governed by the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales. He is regulated by The Bar Standards Board [Bar Ref 19392] and is fully insured with the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund [BMIF Ref 2360/075] to provide legal services, please refer to the [BMIF website](#) for full details of the world-wide cover provided. He is NOT registered for VAT .